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SATURDAY, Oct. 2, 1869.

The Judson Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment, for its nineteenth annual session, at Gordon Church, Henry County, Ala. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. L. Martin, from Luke xxii: 28–29.

SATURDAY, 2 o'CLOCK.

The Delegates assembled in the house, and the body called to order by Elder L. R. Sims, Moderator, and Nat. Pace, Clerk, *pro. tem.*

The letters of the several Churches, comprising this Association, were called for and read.

The Association then proceeded to elect permanent officers to the body, which resulted in the election of Elder L. R. Sims, Moderator, and Nat. Pace, Clerk.

On motion, Petitionary Letters were called for, when letters were presented from Antioch, Mount Pleasant and Liberty, requesting admission to this body, which were received, and the Moderator extending the right-hand of fellowship.

Upon a call for Correspondents from sister Associations, the following brethren presented themselves, and were cordially invited to seats in this body, viz: From West Florida, brethren B. A. Skipper, W. F. Cook, A. Beris and Elder G. Hartsfield; from Newton, Elder P. M. Callaway, and brethren Moses Jones and G. B. Clark.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

*On Preaching.*—Brethren E. H. Thomas, P. D. Saunders, J. W. Malone, and delegates from Gordon Church.

*On Documents.*—Brethren A. L. Martin, Benjamin Manley and S. J. Knowles.

*On Nominations.*—Brethren J. W. Malone, W. H. Granberry and E. M. McGee.

*On Deceased Ministers.*—Brethren T. Knowles, J. M. Poyner, Samuel Bowden and A. L. Martin.

*On Finance.*—Brethren R. W. Irwin, Henry Mitchell and Thomas F. Espey.

*On Sabbath Schools.*—Brethren J. T. Davis, E. M. Knowles and John C. Oates.

*On Special Committee.*—Brethren W. A. Cumbie, J. T. Davis, J. M. Poyner and A. L. Martin.

Association adjourned, to meet again Monday morning.

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SABBATH, 11 O'CLOCK.

Preaching, by Elder P. M. Callaway, at the house, and by Elder W. A. Cumbie, at the Methodist Church, from I Cor. vi: 19–20.

SABBATH, 2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Preaching, at the house, by Elder G. Hartsfield, from Mark ii: 27–28.

SABBATH, 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Preaching, at the house, by Elder W. A. Cumbie, from Hebrews ii: 3.

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MONDAY MORNING,
Oct. 4th, 1869.

The following brethren were appointed Correspondents to sister Associations:

*West Florida.*—Brethren D. Whidden, E. M. Knowles, L. R. Sims, J. T. Davis, J. M. Poyner and Nat. Pace.

The following brethren were appointed to open correspondence with Zion Association, viz: W. A. Cumbie, Samuel Wilkinson and E. M. McGee.

Called the roll and made necessary corrections.

Report of Executive Committee was called for, read and adopted. Appendix A.

Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers was called for, read and adopted. Appendix B.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was called for, read and adopted. Appendix C.

Report of Committee on Documents was called for, read and adopted. Appendix D.

Report of Committee on Nominations was called for, read and adopted. Appendix E.

Report of Committee on Finance was called for, read and adopted. Appendix F.

Report of Treasurer, read and adopted. Appendix G.

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Whereas, It was positively understood by this, as well as other Associations, at the time of electing Delegates to the General Association, that the organzation of the latter body should have for its object, the better to supply and provide for the destitution within her own bounds, and thereby withdraw their connection from the Foreign and Domestic Mission Board, as now organized; and whereas, the letter of Elder P. M. Callaway, addressed to this body, at its last session, and upon the basis of which this Association readily elected to send Delegates to said General Association—pointed to the very same end, and as above cited; and whereas, in our judgment, the General Association has, in the formation and adoption of her Constitution, overreached the understanding that was originally received: Therefore, we respectfully recommend the General Association to strike out, from her Constitution, section 4, of article 1.

Respectfully submitted, W. A. CUMBIE, *Chairman.*

The amount sent up, ($10), from Shiloh Church, for brethren who labored in the destitution, was referred to Executive Committee.

On motion, ten Delegates were appointed to meet with the General Association, to be held in Eufaula, on the third Sabbath in November, 1869, viz: Elder A. L. Martin, W. A. Cumbie, E. M. Knowles, W. J. Hatcher, D. Whidden, J. M. Poyner, J. R. Morris and brethren E. H. Thomas, R. W. Irwin and J. T. Davis. On motion, Elder L. R. Sims was added to the Committee.

On motion, brethren James R. Morris, J. T. Davis, E. H. Thomas, R. W. Irwin and A. L. Martin, were elected as an Executive Committee.

On motion, a Committee of brethren, A. L. Martin, R. W. Irwin and P. D. Saunders, were appointed to present to our next Session a status of our Foreign Mission.

On motion, a Committee of brethren, J. M. Poyner, J. T. Davis and Nat. Pace, were appointed to report on Domestic and Indian Missions.

On motion, it was agreed to send fifty ($50) dollars to the General Association, with instructions to the Delegates to pay over the same, provided she strikes from her Constitution section 4 of artlicle 1.

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Monday Evening, 2 o'clock.

The following was read and adopted by this body:

On Sabbath, 2 o'clock, we had the pleasure of listening to a discourse by G. Hartsfield, of the West Florida Association, which was gladly

received, and we do feel that it was admirably adapted to the Church and nation, in her downward tendency. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That these truths be brought to bear upon our people, in general. We can but recommend the publication of the same.

Upon a call for ministers to preach in the destitution, the following brethren gave themselves to the work. A Committee was then appointed, consisting of brethren J. T. Davis, E. H. Thomas and R. W. Irwin, who made the following report, designating the month and the preachers, who shall occupy the month:

For May—L. R. Sims; for June—D. Whidden and J. R. Morris; for July—E. M. Knowles and S. J. Knowles; for August—T. Knowles and W. B. Hopkins; for September—J. M. Poyner and D. Skipper.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered to our Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship during our Association.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren and friends, of this village, for their kindness and hospitality towards us.

*Resolved*, That five hundred copies of the Minutes be printed, and the Clerk receive twenty-five dollars for his services.

After preaching, by A. L. Martin, from Acts xx: 32, and the parting hand was extended by the delegates, the Association adjourned, to meet with New Hope Church, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, next. L. R. SIMS, *Moderator*.

NAT. PACE, *Clerk*.

# APPENDIX.

## A.—REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At the last session of your body, several brethren (ministers) volunteered their services for the mission field, by which our destitution has for the most part been supplied with preaching for five months of the year, and God has blessed it to the building up of His kingdom, as the report of their labor will show, which is as follows: L. R. Sims and Y. Knowles were in the destitution fourteen days and preached eighteen sermons. D. Whidden and J. R. Morris fifteen days and twenty-nine sermons. E. M. Knowles eighteen days and thirty-two sermons; baptized twenty-one. S. J. Knowles and S. Hargrove fourteen days and twenty-eight sermons; baptized ten, constituted two Churches. J. M. Paynes nine days, thirteen sermons. In addition to the above, exhortations, Sabbath School lectures, prayer, &c., the results of which will not be known until the great day of accounts. We thank God for His blessing upon the labors of our faithful brethren.

We recommend that the money on hand after meeting other necessary expenses, be divided equally among them. Our destitution is now ripe for the Gospel, and we trust that our brethren are still inclined to work, and that a similar system will be adopted the ensuing year.

A. L. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

## B.—REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee to report on decease of Ministers, feel that we have abundant reason to praise and adore the Great Head of the Church for His preserving care of His ministers during the Associational year. While we have been made to mourn the death of one of our best teachers, Deacon William H. Ward, who was truly a living epistle to be read of all men. He was in the Constitution of the Judson Association, and its interest and prosperity were his soul's deep concern. No more will his presence be with us to gladden our hearts. No more will he battle with us in this great contest for truth, but his warfare is accomplished, and he is gone to reap his reward; and while he shall live in our memory, let us not forget his widow and orphan children, for the widow seemed to be near his heart, and through him God was husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless. Truly we may say a good man has fallen. We can but say, the will of the Lord be done.

Y. KNOWLES, *Chairman.*

## C.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report, that upon examination of the letters handed in to this body from the several Sabbath Schools, we find there are five Schools within the bounds of this Association, and comprising forty-nine Teachers and three hundred and thirty-nine pupils. Some of the letters show the Schools to be well provided with books. As the matter of Sabbath Schools has been transferred by this Association to a Convention organized for the purpose of advancing the great interest of this important Institution, we deem it unnecessary to make a more lengthy report.

J. T. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

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## D.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

The Committee on Documents report, that they find a petition from New Hope Church, that the next session of the body be held with them. We would recommend that their petition be granted.

Also a request from Shiloh Church, that the amount sent up be applied to the support of the brethren that have been laboring in the destitution, and this body request the General Association at its next meeting, to strike out the fourth Section of Article 1st, of her Constitution.

Also, a petition from Bethel Church, Dale county, for a letter of dismission, which we recommend.

Respectfully submitted, A. L. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

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## E.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations report, that they have selected Elder L. R. Sims to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder S. J. Knowles, alternate.

J. W. MALONE, *Chairman.*

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## F.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance report—

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| Amount received for Minutes | $47 40 |
| Amount received for pledges | 103 00 |
| Amount received for Associational purposes | 15 45 |
| Received for Domestic Mission | 20 00 |
| Collected on Sabbath | 24 25 |
| Received from A. L. Martin | 10 00 |
| Received from J. R. Morris, Treasurer | 27 75 |
| | $247 85 |

R. W. IRWIN, *Chairman.*

## G.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAMES R. MORRIS, *Treasurer, to Judson Association*—

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| 1868-9=October—Balance on hand | $1 35 |
| Received of Finance Committee | 181 00 |
| Received of L. Knowles | 5 00 |
| | $187 35 |

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| Oct. 6.—Paid Elder Y. Knowles | 66 60 |
| Paid Elder J. M. Poyner | 33 00 |
| Paid Clerk | 25 00 |
| Paid for Minutes | 35 00 |
| | $159 60 |
| 1869—Oct. 6.—Balance on hand | $27 75 |

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES. R. MORRIS, *Treasurer.*

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## BALANCE DUE ON OLD PLEDGES.

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| Abbeville | $23 00 | Bethlehem | $2 00 |
| Bulah | 8 00 | Ebenezer | 5 00 |

## NEW PLEDGES.

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| Joseph Blackshear | $1 00 | Pleasant Plains Church. | $5 00 |
| Judson Church | 10 00 | Concord | 10 00 |
| Robert Oates | 5 00 | R. W. Irwin | 10 00 |
| Camp Spring Church | 5 00 | Bethlehem Church | 5 00 |
| Sardis | 5 00 | Gordon Church | 10 00 |
| New Hope | 5 00 | Pleasant Grove | 5 00 |
| D. Whiddon | 2 50 | A. Armstrong | 2 50 |
| A. S. Granger | 2 50 | Lemon's Box | 2 50 |
| A. L. Martin | 10 00 | Adouiram Church | 10 00 |
| Antioch Church | 5 00 | Mount Pleasant | 10 00 |
| T. C. Hawkins | 5 00 | T. J. Walker | 1 00 |
| Shorterville | 10 00 | | |

## SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Association resolved itself into a Sabbath School Convention in connection with the delegates from the Sabbath Schools, in which a permanent Convention was organized to meet annually. The first session of which will be held with the Shorterville Church, Saturday before the first Sabbath in May. A collection of eighty dollars was made for the purpose of paying some suitable person to lecture within the bounds of this Association upon the usefulness of the Sabbath School, and endeavor to impress upon the minds of the Church the great necessity of an active coöperation with the Teachers of the Sabbath Schools, and to organize, if possible, a Sabbath School in every Church.

L. R. SIMS, *President.*

NAT. PACE, *Clerk.*

## NAMES OF MINISTERS.

*Ordained.*

L. R. SIMS,
E. M. KNOWLES,
M. BRACKEN,
W. A. CUMBIE,
A. L. MARTIN,
Y. KNOWLES,
S. J. KNOWLES,
T. S. SCOTT,
D. WHIDDEN,
J. M. POYNER,
WM. ROSS,

*Licentiates.*

T. N. KNOWLES,
W. H. GRANBERRY,
E. H. THOMAS,
J. R. MORRIS,
J. T. HOPKINS.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | PASTORS. | POST OFFICES. | CLERKS. | POST OFFICES. | Baptized. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dism'd by Letter. | Excommunicated. | Deceased. | Total. | Am't for Minutes. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sardis | Richard Jenkins, Wm. Davison | T. Knowles | Abbevill | R. S. Jenkins | Abbeville | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | ... | 121 | $2 00 |
| Gordon | Samuel Boudon, Wm Brunson | L. R. Sims | Franklin | Nat Pace | Gordon | 1 | ... | ... | 6 | ... | ... | 44 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Grove | M. V. Capps, W. G. Davison | D. Whiddon | Abbeville | C. J. E. Ward | Abbeville | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | 2 | 28 | 2 00 |
| New Hope | J. A. Davis, L. Seymour | D Whiddon | Abbeville | W. M. Jackson | Abbeville | 18 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | 57 | ..... |
| Pleasant Hill | R. A. Crawford, N Whiddon | D. Whiddon | Abbeville | J. R. Smith | Gordon | 2 | ... | ... | 12 | 2 | 1 | 44 | 1 50 |
| Talbot | Franklin Spann, J. H. Hodges | E. E. Knowles. | Columbia | H. Jordon | Millgrove | 10 | 5 | 1 | 13 | 1 | ... | 128 | 1 50 |
| Oaky Grove | D. Whiddon, L. Box, A Armstrong | T Knowles | Abbeville | | Abbeville | 33 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 138 | 2 00 |
| Ebenezar | M. Brice, W. A. Wann | Wm. Ross | Columbia | M. Brice | Columbia | ... | 2 | ... | 4 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 2 00 |
| Shiloh | Samuel Wilkinson, W A. Cumbie | W. A. Cumbie. | Clopton | J M. Johnson | Skipperville | 1 | 3 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 53 | 2 00 |
| Camp Spring | E. M. Knowles, W. B. Hopkins | W. Ross | Columbia | W. F. Hasty | Columbia | ... | 6 | ... | 25 | 1 | ... | 37 | 1 15 |
| Bethlehem | W Whitehead, J. Kirkland | T S. Scott | Abbeville | J. Kirklin | Columbia | 5 | 14 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27 | 1 50 |
| Fellowship | Robert Oates | D. Cumbie | Clopton | H. Wiggins | Abbeville | ... | 7 | ... | 4 | ... | 1 | 47 | 3 00 |
| Shorterville | L. R. Sims, R W. Irwin, J. V. Dennard,* G. W. Holland* | L. R. Sims | Franklin | B. G. Fortson | Franklin | 26 | 6 | ... | 7 | 4 | 3 | 156 | 5 00 |
| Hebron | W. H. Granberry, W. O Jackson* | E. M Knowles | Columbia | T. S. Granberry. | Columbia | 10 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 45 | 1 25 |
| Concord | M. Bracken,* S. J. Knowles, T. Knowles, J. C. Oates. | M. Bracken | Abbeville | A. J. Kirkland | Abbeville | 7 | 10 | 3 | 14 | ... | 3 | 175 | 3 00 |
| Beulah | T. W. Trotter,* G. W. Harris,* J. M. Poyner | J. M. Poyner | Newton | A. Daughtery | Newton | 6 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 3 | ... | 73 | ..... |
| Judson | E. H. Thomas, J. W. Malone, P. Crawford,* J. W. Thomas, H. J. Mitchell | L. R. Sims | Franklin | E. H. Thomas | Otho | 7 | 1 | ... | 37 | 2 | 1 | 248 | 3 00 |
| Pleasant Plain | L. Kirkland,* A. F Stanton | M. Bracken | Abbevill | A. F. Stanton | Columbia | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 50 | 1 75 |
| Walnut Grove | B. B. Barber, J. Blackshear | James Parker | Abbovillo | A. W. Whiddon. | Columbia | .. | 6 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 19 | ..... |
| Columbia | W. J. Hatcher,* D. B Blewett | A. L Martin | Abbeville | G. W. Dunn | Columbia | 6 | ... | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | 73 | 2 00 |
| Bethel | H. Hollis, Isaac Hollis,* | A. D. Whittle | Echo | Isaac Hollis | Newton | 1 | 2 | ... | 10 | 2 | ... | 43 | ..... |
| Liberty | T. J. Walker, W. F. Harrison | S. J. Knowles | Columbia | T. J. Walker | Gordon | 2 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 21 | 1 50 |
| Antioch | O. J. Sellers, A. A. Brown | S. Hargrove | Abbeville | O. J. Sellers | Gordon | 4 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 29 | 2 50 |
| Mt. Pleasant | B. Manley, T. F. Espey, E. M. McGee | A. L. Martin | Abbeville | T. F. Espey | Lawrenceville | 22 | ... | ... | 3 | ... | 2 | 109 | 2 00 |
| Adouiram | A. L. Martin, R. H. Hall, J. M. Sanders, P. D. Sanders | L. R. Sims | Franklin | G. T. Roberts | Abbeville | 4 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 3 | ... | 145 | 2 00 |
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*Absentees marked thus.

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